



## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2022 to 03/31/2022

### Prescott National Forest

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#### Projects Occurring Nationwide

<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .					

#### R3 - Southwestern Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

<b>Prescott College Academic Outfitter and Guide Priority Use (2015-2025)</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Julie Rowe 928-203-7516 jrowe@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> The Forest Service proposes to authorize Prescott College to conduct academic field courses year-round across forests in Arizona including adventure education, biology, human ecology, natural history, physical geography, & field ecology.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47407">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47407</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Coronado National Forest All Units, Kaibab National Forest All Units, Prescott National Forest All Units, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Coconino National Forest All Units, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Activities take place in a variety of locations throughout the forest.					

#### Prescott National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

**R3 - Southwestern Region**

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<b>Prescott National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Forest-wide Hunting Priority Use Outfitter-Guide Permits</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-567-1120 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of up to five priority use outfitter-guide permits for big game hunting on the Prescott National Forest.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Prescott National Forest All Units. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest-wide.				

<b>Prescott National Forest Bradshaw Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>APS Pole Replacement (WA574508) with Trench (17')</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/11/2020	Expected:10/2021	11/2021	Matthew Georgeff 541-782-5335 mjgeorgeff@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> APS proposes the use heavy equipment to remove/replace a substandard utility pole with an upgraded pole in APS ROW.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59276">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59276</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Groom Creek: South Senator Hwy, turn west on E. Friendly Pines Rd., turn north on South Claim Jumper Trail (private residential driveway) which is the project site.				
<b>Blue Bell/Wolf Creek Allotments Range NEPA</b> EA	- Grazing management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	John Kava 928-777-2200 johnakava@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> An analysis to determine whether to re-authorize grazing on the Blue Bell/Wolf Creek Allotment.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53264">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53264</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Blue Bell and Wolf Creek grazing allotments.					

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<b>Jack's Project</b> EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Zakiya Shivji 928-443-8083 zshivji@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Project would authorize mining placer deposits from approximately 11 acres for up to 20 years. Mining would be conducted with suction dredges, sluice boxes, dry washers, high bankers, metal detectors, gold pans, and hand tools				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45642">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45642</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Sections 23, 24, 26 & 27 T. 12.5 N., R. 1 W; Sections 35 & 36, T. 13 N., R. 1 W; Section 24 T. 12 N., R. 1 W; Section 36 T. 12 N., R. 2 W; Section 29 T. 13 N., R 3 W; Section 1 T. 10 N., R. 1 E GSRM. Big Bug Creek, Eugene Gulch, Poland Creek, Crooks Canyon, Wolf Creek, and Copper Basin Wash.					
<b>Pine Creek Mining River Bend Placer Project</b> EA	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Frances Alvarado 928-443-8014 falvarado@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This project would include gold mining operations on approximately 48 acres (10 acres in the Red Hill #2 placer mining claim (PMC) and 38 acres in the Riverbend PMC), with an additional 4 acres for processing facilities, settling ponds, and roads.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45609">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45609</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T12N,R3W,Sec11,14,15. The proposed mining project is just south of and adjacent to the existing Gold Basin mine, south of Wilhoit along the Hassayampa River.					
<b>Ponderosa Park Road (C101) Improvement Project</b> CE	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/08/2021	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This action is for roadway realignment construction and grade reduction of a segment of the Ponderosa Park Road (C101) and related slope stabilization, erosion control, and roadway prism safety improvements under an existing FRTA easement				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58018">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=58018</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Bradshaw Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - E1/2 Section 20 and E1/2 NW1/4 Section 29, T. 13 N., R. 2 W., G&SR Meridian, Yavapai, County, AZ. E1/2 Section 20 and E1/2 NW1/4 Section 29, T. 13 N., R. 2 W., G&SR Meridian, Yavapai, County, AZ.					

<b>Prescott National Forest Chino Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
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<b>Prescott National Forest Chino Valley Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Upper Verde Wild and Scenic Suitability Study</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special area management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2022	Expected:01/2023	02/2023	Jason Williams 928-777-2220 jason.a.williams@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Prescott National Forest will be conducting a wild and scenic rivers suitability study for 37 miles of the Upper Verde River in the Prescott and Coconino National Forests.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61191">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61191</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Chino Valley Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The river segments being studied are the 37 miles generally west and north of Clarkdale, Arizona and east of Chino Valley, Arizona.					

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<b>Prescott National Forest Verde Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>AAM Priority River Rafting Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-567-1120 jgilmore@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Prescott National Forest proposes to issue to the outfitter/guide known as AAM a 5-year priority special use permit for a river rafting outfitter guide operation on the Verde River and Verde Wild and Scenic River Segments.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40886">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40886</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Boat launching will occur at White Bridge and Beasley Flats River access sites on the Prescott; take outs at GAP Creek, Childs and Hoseshoe reservoir on the Prescott, Coc, and Tonto.					
<b>Gila Chub Habitat Improvement Project</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Albert Sillas 928-567-1124 asillas@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Improve pool habitat by sediment removal, instream structures, enclosure fences, and removal of juniper tree encroachment in three sites.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30425">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30425</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T 11 N, R 4 E, sections 4, 16, 20. Near Sycamore Historic Site/Dugas area.					

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<b>Interstate 17 Corridor Wireless Communications Improvements Antelope Telecommunications Site</b> CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2021	Expected:09/2021	10/2021	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 chris.welker@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> The Antelope communications site proposal was developed as part of a wireless communications system that will improve the reliability and capacity of wireless telecommunications for the I-17 corridor.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56917">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56917</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 3, T. 12 N., R. 3 E., G&SRM, Yavapai County, AZ.					
<b>Reissuance of a Water Development Special Use Permit to Frank and Wanita Melluzzo</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Chris Welker 928-443-8072 cwelker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Prescott National Forest is proposing to reissue a 10-year special use permit for 2 water pipelines, 1 springbox, 600 gallon water tank, and cattle exclosure fence.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=39048">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=39048</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - T14N, R3E, Sect17. Off Cherry road in Cherry, AZ.					
<b>Verde Adventures, Inc. Outfitter Guide Priority River Boating Outfitter and Guide Special Use Permit</b> CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jeffrey Gilmore 928-687-1301 jlgilmore@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The PNF proposes to issue to Verde Adventures, Inc. a 10-year priority special use permit for a river boating outfitter guide operation on the Verde River.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40889">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40889</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Boat launching and take out will occur at Skidmore, Big Notti, Black Canyon, White Bridge, Clear Creek and Beasley Flats River access sites on the PNF.					

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<b>Prescott National Forest Verde Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>					<b>R3 - Southwestern Region</b>
<b>Verde Recreation Action Plan</b> EA  *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/13/2021	Expected:12/2022	01/2023	Thomas Palmer 928-567-1114 thomas.palmer@usda.gov
	<b>Description:</b> Verde Recreation Action Plan (VRAP) is a multifaceted plan to provide sustainable recreation opportunities and address natural resource and public health and safety concerns.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61156">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61156</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Verde Ranger District. STATE - Arizona. COUNTY - Yavapai. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Verde Ranger District.					

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